

# The Conservative.



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Wm. GLENN, Editor.

## Democratic State Ticket.

ELECTION, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE,

MR. BENJAMIN LEEVER,  
Of Scioto County.

FOR CHIEF JUDGE,

THOMAS M. KEY,  
Of Hamilton County.

FOR MEMBER BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS,

WILLIAM LARWILL,  
Of Ashland County.

## Political Conventions.

A Convention to nominate a candidate for Congress in this (the 15th) District will be held in

MARIETTA, O., ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 24.

A Convention to nominate a candidate for County Auditor, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, Commissioner, Probate Judge and Infirmary Director will be held at

TOWN HALL, MC CONNELLSVILLE, Saturday, Aug. 18th.

A Convention to present a candidate for the office of Judge of the Court of Common Pleas will be held at

TOWN HALL, MC CONNELLSVILLE, ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 18th.

Introducing all former differences on political questions and issues, we invite Democrats and adherents of conservative views to assemble at the usual place of holding election in their respective townships on

Saturday, August 11th,

AT THE HOUR OF 3 P. M.,

And then and there select two delegates to the Congressional Convention, eight delegates to the County Convention, and two delegates to the Judicial Convention.

The time has come when an earnest and patriotic effort should be made to save the Union on a just and permanent basis. The reconstruction policy of President Johnson should be endorsed and upheld. The principles enunciated in his Veto Messages of the Freedmen's Bureau and Civil Rights Bills seem to be correct and proper, and should be sustained. All votes, without distinction of party, who believe that it belongs exclusively to the several States of this Union to determine their own qualifications of voters, and who are opposed to the conferring of the right of voting upon the negro; those who, at the present time, are opposed to all amendments of the Constitution of the United States, whilst eleven States of this Union are excluded and refused a voice, by their Senators and Representatives in the proportion of amendments; those who are opposed to the payment of the THREE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS of the wealth of the country from taxation, and are in favor of making every species of wealth bear its fair and equal share of the burdens of taxation for all purposes, are cordially invited to unite in an effort to eject from place and power the unworthy agents, who seem to legislate and govern for their own special benefit, and for the perpetuation of power.

By order of the Democratic Central Committee.

JAS. M. GAYLORD, Chairman.

J. B. GOUDY, Secretary.

The Lost Opportunity.

The New York Evening Post (Republican) reviews with regret the lost opportunity of a great career, open to the Republican party at the close of the war. It says:

"It was the duty and policy of the Republican leaders to show that in war they knew how to use with effect the enormous power of the Central Government, in peace they were equally ready to establish as quickly as possible that local self-government on which, as the balance-wheel in our political system, our true and safe progress in liberty depends. As the party in power, during the war, had been compelled to use force to an unlimited extent, it was the more necessary that on the restoration of peace they should show a readiness to return at once to strict constitutional forms, practices and limitations."

The Post then, in a style which reminds us of old Declaration of Independence, sketches the career and crimes of the party with which it has been connected in terms no less caustic than truthful. Need we say that is the inevitable and approaching end of a party whose chief and best advocate in the first city of the Union is compelled by a sense of truth to speak thus of its associates. The Post says:

But the policy imposed upon the party by those men who unhappily have seized the leadership of it has just been the contrary of this. Their whole political theory and practice tend dangerously toward a consolidation of all power and authority in the hands of the Central Government. They have aimed to leave nothing to the States, nothing to the Local Government, which is our greatest safeguard against despotism. They will make of the Federal Government, if they have their way, as overshadowing and all-devouring a monster as the Government of Napoleon is in France, they proceed upon the principle that Congress is to legislate upon all matters whatever is to interfere in all the relations of society and life, to establish rules and laws for every event under heaven. Not only do we see a useless and absurd Bureau of Agriculture established, at an expense of hundreds of thousands of dollars per annum, to prepare reports which are published three years after date, and which, when they are fresh, have not half the value of a good agricultural paper, and to distribute seeds to farmers who are quite intelligent enough to buy them; bureaus of education, of mining, of insurance, of statisti-

cies, are proposed and urged. Thus patronage is increased, office-holders grow more numerous; the nation is more and more heavily taxed to support crowds of hungry idlers—the creatures of Congress and of the President, the political agents of those who appoint them, corrupting the morals of the nation and robbing its industry. This is not all. In pursuance of the same false and perilous theory of consolidating these men seek to make the General Government the patron and supporter of all manner of private enterprises and schemes. Not only are steamship lines and other private undertakings subsidized; not only are certain branches of manufacture selected as the object of special favoritism at the expense of general public, and to the impoverishment of the Treasury, the evil extends much further. If a mining company need capital Congress at once makes a grant of public lands; if another set of speculators appeal for land to plant trees—which Mr. Bayard Taylor informs the Tribune, nature does much better—Congress hastens to do their bidding. How perilous such a policy is we may see by reviewing the huge steps already taken on this downward road.

The President has done his utmost to check the attempts of Congress to concentrate and centralize all power in Washington. With all his mistakes in other respects, he has shown a true and statesmanlike comprehension of this danger; he made haste to put out of his own hands all extraordinary power and prerogative growing out of the war; he has, by his veto, prevented the consummation of some most mischievous measures. But the centralizers have not heeded his warnings, and it is high time for the country to awake to the danger of their course. Already we see this fatal policy bearing fruit. If a citizen now-a-days suffers wrong he no longer appeals to the law—he turns to the Central Government to protect him. The Civil Rights act has been several months in force, but instead of requiring those who need it to set the courts in motion, Congress continues the Freedmen's Bureau in operation another year. Thus, by steps which are no longer imperceptible, the citizens are trained to undervalue and disregard the laws, and to cast all the responsibilities of life from their own shoulders upon that of the Central Government. That road leads as surely to ruin as the one called "secession," which has frightened so many inconsiderate people from the safe middle path. We have no fear but that the country will see and escape one danger as well as it did the other; but in doing so it will drop the men who are leading it into unsafe paths. If the Republican party chooses to go with those men, it is bound to fall; it will lose inevitably the best part of its followers, nor will it need a Tribune to read these out of the party. The country is now at peace; the condition of affairs is such that men need no longer set aside all other interests to unite upon that of the Central Government. 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